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**WORK CLOTHING WITH SNAP-ON POCKETS**

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**Background of the Invention**

**Field of the Invention**

This invention relates to work clothing and more particularly to apron-like pants, or chaps, with interchangeable snap-on pockets and removable knee padding.

**Description of the Related Art**

Work clothing in the past has included pants with kneepads for working on various projects such as roofing, or other construction jobs, gardening, sports or other activities where extra protection is needed. These articles of clothing have usually been pants, which totally surround the wearer rather than an apron-like front to cover and protect the pants of the worker. Other apron-like cloths in the form of chaps have a seat portion, which surrounds the user like pants on a portion of the garment. They can have kneepads and pockets, however they are not as easy to get into and out of and are full-length garments covering all of the pants of the wearer.

Some garments have had snap-on pockets to add or replace pockets when needed.

## Summary of the Invention

No garment found provides a pair of apron-like shorts covering from the waist to just below the knee having kneepads and snap-on pockets such that only the front of the wearers pants are protected. The wearer can use the apron-like garment with shorts or regular length pants. There are optional pockets for different uses. For example a pocket for holding seeds or garden tools can be used by a gardener. A carpenter would use different pockets for holding nails or carpenter tools. The pockets can be changed for performing other tasks making the garment a multipurpose garment. Fixed pockets are optionally used which may have dividers in the pockets for tools or other articles. Further the garment has kneepads, which can be installed in pockets on the garment. The kneepads are useful if the wearer will be doing gardening, roofing or other tasks where the wearer will be on his knees.

## Objects of the Invention

It is an object of the invention to protect the knees of the wearer during work activity.

It is an object of the invention to protect the clothing of the wearer from excessive exposure to dirt and wear.

It is an object of the invention to optionally provide snap-on pockets to utilize specialized pockets for different activities.

It is an object of the invention to provide a cool working garment, which can protectively cover the clothing of the wearer.

1           It is an object of the invention to provide a garment, which is easy to put on and  
2   take off.

3           It is an object of the invention to provide a lightweight working garment, which  
4   can protectively cover the clothing of the wearer.

5           It is an object of the invention to provide a garment, which can be used with  
6   shorts.

7           Other objects, advantages and novel features of the present invention will become  
8   apparent from the following detailed description of the invention when considered in  
9   conjunction with the accompanying drawing.

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11 Brief Description of the Drawings

12 Fig. 1 is a front view of the work clothing.

13 Fig. 2 is a rear view of the work clothing

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## 15 Description of the Preferred Embodiments

Figure 1 shows the front of the work clothing 15. The work clothing 15 is apron-like. It has a belt portion 20, which is attached to the top of work clothing 15 and surrounds the waist of the wearer attaching the waist portion of the work clothing 15 to the wearer's waist. The belt portion 20 may have a belt buckle, VELCRO® strips, or as shown, have male 25 and female 26 connecting portions and a belt length adjustment ring 28 for adjusting the belt to the waist size of the wearer.

22           The front of the work clothing 15 may have permanent pockets 50 for holding  
23   articles. The front of the work clothing 15 may also have a more specialized

1 compartmentalized pocket 56, divided into smaller sections for holding pencils,  
2 screwdrivers or other tools. As seen in Figure 2 the pocket compartments 55 have  
3 stitching between the pocket segments of compartmentalized pocket 56. Pocket 56 may  
4 also have a strip of material 54 sewn across the face of the pocket and having stitching as  
5 the pocket 56 has to create loops for hanging tools such as tape measures, chisels, screw  
6 drivers and other tools.

7       The front of the work clothing 15 may also have snap-on pockets 60 having snaps  
8 66 on the pockets attaching to snaps 65 on the legs 22 and 24. The snap-on pockets 60  
9 may vary in depth and width. The snap-on pockets 60 may be segmented or have one  
10 cavity. The use of the snap-on pockets 60 will vary as the garment is used for different  
11 tasks. A shallow one-cavity pocket may be used for carrying nails for a roofer. A long  
12 narrow multi-cavity pocket may be used for carrying screwdrivers. The snap-on pockets  
13 60 are optional. There are uses for the garment in which the snap-on pockets 60 may be  
14 in the way and are removed.

15       The snaps 66 and 65 to fasten the pockets to the pants portion may be replaced  
16 with other fasteners such as buttons, clips, pins, or VELCRO®.

17       The work clothing 15 can have loops 40 attached to the belt 20 or to the pants  
18 portion for carrying hammers or other tools.

19       The work clothing 15 may have straps such as long thigh straps 32 and short thigh  
20 straps 33 and long knee straps 30 and short knee straps 31 for fastening the right and left  
21 legs 22 and 24 respectively of the work clothing 15 to the wearer's legs. The long straps  
22 30, 32 may have male connection portions 35 and the short straps 31, 33 may have  
23 female connection portions 36 such that the long straps 30 and 32 can easily be connected

1 to or removed from the short straps 31 and 33. If male 35 and female 36 connecting  
2 portions are not used on the straps the straps may have VELCRO® tabs or some other  
3 fastening means such as buckles to attach one strap to the other.

4 As best seen in Figure 2 kneepad 70 is inserted into kneepad pocket 75 on the  
5 work clothing 15 inside of each of the right and left legs 22 and 24 respectively to  
6 provide padding for wearers who will be working on their knees. The kneepads 70 may  
7 be replaced easily by removing worn kneepads 70 from the kneepad pockets 75 and  
8 replacing them with new kneepads 70. Optionally the kneepads 70 can be removed from  
9 the kneepad pockets 75 when not needed or to launder the work clothing 15.

10 The knee straps 30 and 31 go around the calf of the wearer's leg so that the  
11 kneepad 70 is held over the wearer's knee as shown on Figure 1 in kneepad area 71. The  
12 work clothing 15 is like a pair of shorts in that it extends just below the wearer's knees  
13 and not all the way to his feet.

14 The apron-like garment 15 is easy to put on and take off by using the belt 20 and  
15 straps 30, 31, 32, and 33. The work clothing 15 is cool since it does not surround the  
16 wearer for use on hot summer days when gardening, roofing other outdoor activities take  
17 place.

18 The work clothing 15 material can be denim or other durable material generally  
19 used for work clothing.

20 The belt 20 may be made out of Nylon ® or other durable high strength material.

21 The knee pads 70 can be made out of a Neoprene ® or other soft but durable  
22 material to protect the wearers knees and make working in a kneeling position more  
23 comfortable, while protecting the knees from rocks or other uneven perturbances on the

1 ground or other surface. The knee pads also protect the wearer and his regular clothing  
2 from moisture and heat transfer from kneeling on hot roofs or cold ground.

3 Obviously, many modifications and variations of the present invention are  
4 possible in light of the above teachings. It is therefore to be understood that, within the  
5 scope of the appended claims, the invention may be practiced otherwise than as  
6 specifically described.

7 What is claimed is:

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